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Date: June 28, 2000

Mr. Scott Aker
USDA National Arboretum
24th and R Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Aker:

On June 19, 2000, Rod Whiteman of my staff attempted to conduct an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at the USDA National Arboretum. He was unable to conduct this survey due to restrictions imposed by air traffic controllers from the nearby National Airport. Based on observations in the region, it is very likely that no defoliation occurred at the National Arboretum in 2000.

However, if you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2001, please contact Brad Onken or Rod by letter or telephone (304) 285-1541 before August 25, 2000.

Please contact Rod at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

JOHN W. HAZEL
Field Representative
Morgantown Field Office

Cc: Gracie Joy, DC Metro Forester
Noel Schneeberger, AO

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